

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael E. LaSalle

Group Art Unit: 3721

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Examiner: Rinaldi I. Rada

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Title: Methods and Apparatus for Fabricating, Handling and
Transporting Elongate Bags of Material

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is a timely reply to the Decision of the Board of Appeals in the subject application dated October 14, 2009. The Decision entered new grounds of rejection of the claims. In the amendment presented herein, Applicant has amended the claims to address the issues identified by the Board in the Decision. As no claims have been added, and no extension fee is required, no fees are enclosed herewith. If any additional fee is due, please charge the fee to deposit account no. 07-1732.

An amendment to the claims begins on page 2.

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